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Marietta Power & Water 100<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary



June 2006

## Celebrate July 4 in Beautiful Downtown Marietta

The City of Marietta invites you to join in the fun with an old-fashioned Independence Day celebration complete with a parade, fireworks, and fun for the entire family.

The fun begins at 10 a.m., when the annual Marietta Independence Day Parade steps off from Roswell Street Baptist Church and makes its way past Marietta Square, all the way down to the South 120 Loop. Marching bands, beauty queens, and community groups all put their patriotism on display during this much-anticipated annual event. Parade organizers have selected "Fly High Freedom" as this year's parade theme, including 100 entries and nearly 2,000 participants.

When the parade ends, the fun continues at the Fourth in the Park Festival in Glover Park. Again this year, the festival will include arts and crafts, carnival games,

entertainment, and food concessions. Musical entertainment during the day will include performances by Peachtree Station and the Cobb Wind Symphony. City officials predict that the festival will attract approximately 80,000 people again this year.

The excitement culminates with an evening concert and fireworks display. Scott Thompson, the lead singer for Peachtree Station, will open the show at 7 p.m. The country band Little Big Town will then perform from 8 p.m. until approximately 9:30, when the day's festivities climax with a fireworks display that lasts nearly half an hour.

For more information about Marietta's July 4 festivities, please contact the Marietta Department of Parks and Recreation at (770) 794-5601 or visit [www.mariettaga.gov](http://www.mariettaga.gov). ⚡

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EXTRAS**



## Keep Cooling Costs From Getting You Hot and Bothered This Summer

Marietta Power encourages you to take control of your air conditioning costs this summer.

Energy experts suggest the following ways to keep cooling costs low:

- **Choose the Right Setting** Keep your thermostat set between 76 degrees and 78 degrees. Every degree below that will increase the amount of energy that your air conditioner uses by 3 to 5 percent. Set the thermostat a few degrees higher when no one is home for more than an hour. Turn off window air conditioners when everyone leaves a room.
- **Replace Filters Regularly** Install a new filter the first day you turn your air conditioner on each spring and change it every two to three months until winter.
- **Check Key Components** Use an accurate thermometer to check the accuracy of your thermostat, and have the thermostat recalibrated if necessary. Check the refrigerant

charge in your central air conditioner by touching the larger of the two copper pipes that come out of the unit. If it doesn't feel cold after the unit has run for 10-15 minutes, the unit probably needs a service call.

- **Cut Back** Trim weeds and bushes from around your air conditioner's outdoor unit. Clear dead leaves away as well. Give the unit at least two feet of clearance on all sides — and six feet above — so air can flow through freely.
- **Keep Your Cool** Shut doors and windows tight so your cool air doesn't leak out.
- **Plant the Seeds of Future Savings**

Actually, make that saplings. Planting leafy deciduous trees like oaks on the west, east, and south sides of your house will eventually shade your home and help hold cooling costs down.

For more suggestions on keeping your electric bill low, please visit [www.marietta-power.com](http://www.marietta-power.com). ⚡

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# Enjoy Lush, Green Surroundings Without Draining Your Wallet or Your Local Water Supply

and a lush landscape. But no one likes paying sky-high water bills to keep them growing strong.

To keep your outdoors looking great and your water bill as low as possible, Marietta Water encourages you to:

## **Obey Restrictions on Outdoor Water Use**

In addition to helping the entire community save water, obeying these regulations could keep you from having to pay a nasty fine. The rules are simple. Homes and businesses with addresses that end in an odd number may water on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. Homes and businesses with addresses ending in even numbers may water on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays. No outdoor watering is permitted on Fridays.

**Water Plants, Not Pavement** Position sprinklers so that the water falls on grass, trees, and shrubbery — not on patios, streets, and driveways.

**Maximize Efficiency** Water early in the morning when windspeeds and temperatures are lowest, and water doesn't evaporate as quickly. Avoid overwatering. Lawns only need

water every five to seven days in summer. Use soaker hoses and other highly efficient watering methods.

**Look Out for Leaks** Inspect hoses, sprinklers, spigots, and water lines frequently to make sure they aren't leaking. Immediately replace missing washers, punctured hoses, and anything with a chronic leaking problem.

**Feel Mulch Better** Mulch helps your soil hold water. A layer of mulch also restricts the growth of weeds that compete with preferred plants for water.

**Rake, Sweep, or Blow** Using a hose to wash off your driveway or sidewalk takes hundreds of gallons of water. Use a rake, a broom, or a power blower instead.

**Go Longer** Raise the blade on your lawn mower to at least three inches. The longer grass will shade the ground more and keep water from evaporating as quickly. The root system will grow healthier as a result.

For more information on water conservation, please visit [www.mariettawater.com](http://www.mariettawater.com). In addition, please call Marietta Water immediately at (770) 794-5230 if you ever spot a broken water main or fire hydrant. Your quick action could keep our community from losing thousands of gallons of our most precious resource. ⚡

## Calendar of Events

For a complete list of City of Marietta events please visit [www.mariettaga.gov](http://www.mariettaga.gov) and click on Calendar of Events.

### **Tuesday, July 4** **Fourth in the Park**

Glover Park, Marietta Square  
10 a.m.

Celebrate July 4th with the City of Marietta! Festivities kick off with the Marietta Freedom Parade followed by the Fourth in the Park in the Marietta Square that includes games, food, entertainment, and arts and crafts.

Call (770) 794-5601 for more information.

### **Saturday, July 8** **Family Fishin' and Fun Day**

7:30 a.m.  
Free

Load up your fishing gear and folding chairs and head to Laurel Park, 151 Manning Road for Family Fishin' and Fun Day.

Call (770) 794-5601 for more information.

### **Friday, July 28** **Glover Park Evening Concert**

Still Swinging  
Glover Park, Marietta Square  
8 p.m.

Free  
Call (770) 794-5601 for more information.

**Marietta Power and Water will be closed on July 4 in observance of Independence Day.**

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